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REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME (FIVE MONTHS)

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby request an extension of time (5 months) for filing a response, in this case, the Appeal Brief, in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 18, 2001. The Appeal Brief was originally due on March 18, 2001. Upon the expected granting of this extension request, the new deadline for filing the Appeal Brief was August 18, 2001. Because August 18, 2001 fell on a Saturday, under 37 C.F.R §1.7, action may be taken on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday. Therefore, the new deadline for filing the Appeal Brief is August 20, 2001. Accordingly, the Appeal Brief is being timely filed.

The Patent and Trademark office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for the requisite fee of \$1,890.00 for an extension for response within the third month as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5). No otherotee is believed due in connection with this extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of any such other fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto. A DUPLICATE copy of this sheet is enclosed.



Respectfully submitted,

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